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SUBJ: CHILEAN MILITARY LEADERS AGITATED BY ALLEGED PERUVIAN
MILITARY MOVEMENTS

1. ON HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, AUTHORITATIVE CHILEAN
MILITARY SOURCE SHOWED USMILGP COMMANDER REPORTS FROM GOC
NAVAL ATTACHE IN LIMA AND IQUIQUE DIVISION COMMANDER STATING
THAT PERUVIANS WERE MOVING SIZEABLE NUMBERS OF SHIPS, TANKS
AND TROOP UNITS SOUTH TO ILO-TACNA AREA. SOURCE SAID THAT
ON RECEIPT OF REPORTS GOC ARMY CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF GEN
ALVAREZ HAD ATTEMPTED TO TELEPHONE PERUVIAN GEN FERNANDO
MALDONADO PURSUANT TO CHILEAN-PERUVIAN MILITARY AGREEMENT TO
CONSULT WHENEVER INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED RE DISQUIETING
MILITARY MOVEMENTS. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, MALDONADO COULD NOT
BE REACHED: WAS SAID TO BE INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING
THE SECRETARY'S TRIP.

2. COMMENT: WE RECALL THAT CHILEAN REPORTS OF
PERUVIAN MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH HAVE IN PAST
BEEN GREATLY EXAGGERATED. THIS ONE HAS REACHED
SANTIAGO AT A MOMENT WHEN CHILEAN MILITARY ARE IN A
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STATE OF SOME AGITATION. LEADING DAILY EL MERCURIO

FRONT-PAGES FEB 19 REPORT OF TIME MAGAZINE ARTICLE
ALLEGING THAT CUBAN EXPERTS ARE TRAINING PERUVIAN PILOTS
WITH A VIEW TO RESUMING SUBVERSIVE MILITARY ACTIVITIES.
GOC MILITARY ARE ALSO REACTING TO ADOPTION OF KENNEDY
AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD END US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHILE,
IN US SENATE FEB 18.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO WHICH WOULD TEND TO
SUBSTANTIATE CHILEAN REPORTS.
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